

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Eugene Allen Anderson was born on February 15, 1925, to Ted and Gladys Anderson, the third of six children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Eugene graduated from Salem High School in 1943 and left for California to seek his fortune in the ice cream industry but returned to South Dakota and began his farming career and a love for John Deere equipment; and,

Whereas, Eugene married Grace Wulff on December 15, 1948, at the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" and to this union four children were born, Karen, Patty, Debbie, and Jeff; Eugene has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and,

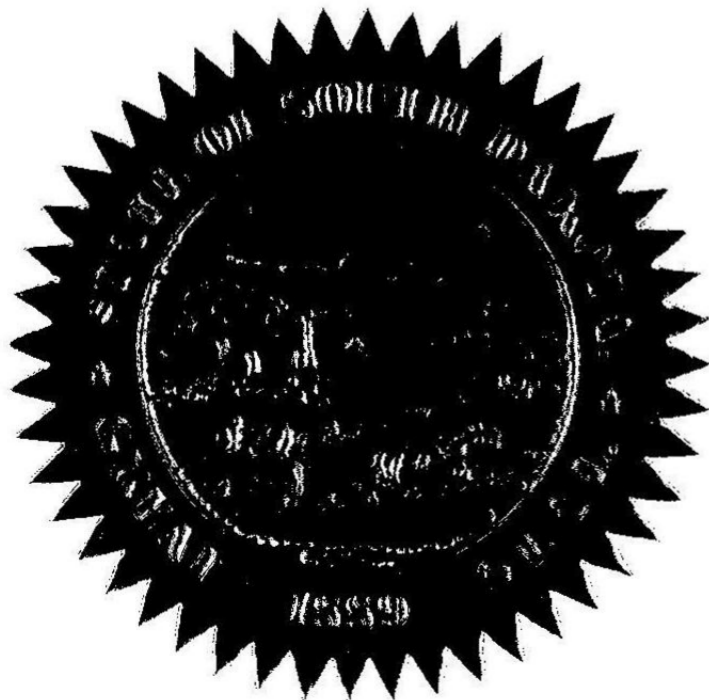
Whereas, Eugene is a lifetime member of the Ramsey Baptist Church, enjoys singing in the Ramsey Quartet, bowling, pitching horseshoes, traveling with Grace and playing Rook with family and friends; and,

Whereas, Eugene will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2005, as

EUGENE ANDERSON DAY

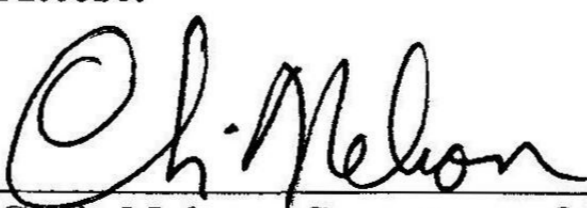
in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State